



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Hiroshi Koyama, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 1722  
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A  
CASTING WHICH INCLUDES AN INSERT  
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**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2004, Paper No./Mail Date 022004, please amend and reconsider the above referenced patent application as follows.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.